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Text Amendment Application No. 105  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
Development Impact Project  
Regulations - Job Training

TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 81  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
CITY OF BOSTON  
IN ZONING COMMISSION

EFFECTIVE  
February 27, 1986†

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston, acting under Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956 as amended, after due report, notice and hearing does hereby amend the Boston Zoning Code as follows:

A. By inserting, after Article 26A of said Code, the following article:

ARTICLE 26B

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT PROJECTS - JOB TRAINING

SECTION 26B-1. Statement of Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to promote the public health, safety, convenience and welfare and to mitigate the adverse impacts of new large-scale real estate development projects on existing development by providing for job training for low and moderate income people. In particular, the owners of new commercial uses, which are more capital intensive and less land intensive than industrial uses, can pay more for land than owners of manufacturing uses; therefore these uses directly result in higher land costs and indirectly cause further land price increases by increasing housing demand. Workers will therefore need to be trained so that they will have the job skills necessary to compete for these new jobs. This Article is designed to:

1. Afford review and to regulate large-scale real estate development projects which result in the creation of new jobs, requiring the creation of new job training programs or the expansion of existing ones.
2. Increase the opportunities for job training for low and moderate income people by requiring developers, as a condition of the grant of deviations from the Zoning Code or the grant of an amendment to the zoning map or text, to make a development impact payment to the Neighborhood Jobs Trust.

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†Date of public notice: February 13, 1986 (see St. 1956, c. 665, s. 5).

SECTION 26B-2. Definitions.

1. "Development Impact Project", any development in the City of Boston ("City") in which it is proposed to erect a structure or structures having a gross floor area (exclusive of all accessory parking garage space) in excess of one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet or to enlarge or extend a structure or structures so as to increase its (or their) gross floor area (exclusive of all accessory parking garage space) by more than one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet or to substantially rehabilitate a structure or structures having, or to have, after rehabilitation, a gross floor area (exclusive of all accessory parking garage space) of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet; which structure or structures is (are) intended for a use for which the use item number is listed in Table E, Section 26B-3; and which development requires a variance, conditional use permit, exception, or zoning map or text amendment.
2. "Development Impact Project Plan", a plan for a project which is a Development Impact Project. The Plan shall set forth the proposed location and appearance of structures, open spaces and landscaping, proposed uses of the structure or structures, densities, projected number of employees, proposed traffic circulation, parking and loading facilities, access to public transportation, and proposed dimensions of structures, and may include proposed building elevations, schematic layout drawings and exterior building materials, and such other matters as the Director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("Authority") deems appropriate to his consideration of the proposed construction.
3. "Jobs Contribution Grant", the payment of a sum of money by the Project applicant, for which a formula for payment is set forth in Section 26B-3(1)(a), to or for the exclusive benefit of the Neighborhood Jobs Trust.
  - a. The Jobs Contribution Grant shall be made to the Neighborhood Jobs Trust in two (2) equal, annual installments, the first installment due upon the issuance of a building permit. The remaining payment shall be due and payable on the anniversary of the first payment. All Jobs Contribution Grants shall be made to the Collector-Treasurer of the City as custodian, pending acceptance of such payments for the Neighborhood Jobs Trust by the City. All Jobs Contribution Grants shall be credited against any amounts due to said Trust on account of any neighborhood impact excise which may be assessed by the City.
  - b. Twenty percent (20%) of any Jobs Contribution Grant shall be reserved for the neighborhood or neighborhoods where or adjacent to where the Project is located, as defined in the approved Development Impact Project Plan.
  - c. Jobs Creation Contribution. A project applicant may use its Jobs Contribution Grant to create a job training program for workers who will be employed, on a permanent basis, at the Project, upon approval by the Director of the Mayor's Office of Jobs and Community Services.

4. "Substantially rehabilitate", to cause alterations or repairs to be made, to a structure or structures, within any period of twelve (12) months, costing in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the physical value of the structure or structures. Physical value shall be based on the assessed value as recorded on the assessment rolls of the City as of January 1 next preceding the date of the application for Development Impact Project Plan approval.
5. "Neighborhood Jobs Trust", a Massachusetts public charitable trust created under the laws of the Commonwealth on November 19, 1985 and administered by the Collector-Treasurer of the City as managing trustee or another trust, if passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor.
6. "Public agency", a department, agency, board, commission, authority, or other instrumentality of the Commonwealth, or of one or more political subdivision(s) of the Commonwealth, or of the United States.

SECTION 26B-3. Development Impact Project Requirements. No variance, conditional use permit, exception or zoning map or text amendment for a Development Impact Project shall be granted or adopted unless the following requirements are met in addition to those set forth in Section 26A-3:

1. The person or persons making application for a variance, conditional use permit, exception, or zoning map or text amendment to erect, substantially rehabilitate, enlarge, or extend a structure pursuant to a Development Impact Project Plan approval shall also have entered into an agreement with the Authority to make a Jobs Contribution Grant in the amount specified in (a) below.
  - (a) For each use listed in Table E, a Jobs Contribution Grant of one dollar (\$1.00) for each square foot of gross floor area in excess of one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet, shall be required. Uses, other than accessory parking, that are accessory to the uses listed in Table E shall also be subject to the Jobs Contribution Grant.

TABLE E: Development Impact Uses

<u>Use</u>	<u>Use Item Numbers</u>
Office	39, 39A, 40, 41, 42
Retail Business and Service	30, 31, 32, 34, 34A, 35, 36, 36A, 37, 37A, 38, 38A, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 60, 60A, 61
Institutional and Educational	16, 16A, 18, 19, 20, 20A, 21, 22, 22A, 23, 24, 29
Hotel and Motel, but not including Apartment Hotel	15

- (b) For mixed-use structures in which one or more of the above uses are combined, the above requirements shall apply if the gross floor area devoted to any one or more of the uses shall in the aggregate exceed one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet.
- (c) The formula (amount and rate of payment) for the Jobs Contribution Grant for the use categories listed in Table E shall be subject to recalculation three (3) years after the effective date of this provision and every three (3) years thereafter. The Authority, after public notice and public hearing, where appropriate, shall make a recommendation to the Zoning Commission to amend the formula for the Jobs Contribution Grant, based on a consideration of the following criteria:
  - (i) Economic trends measured in terms of, including but not limited to, development activity, commercial rents per square foot, employment growth, and inflation rates.
  - (ii) Employment trends measured in terms of, including but not limited to, unemployment rates, and statistics on job training programs.

The resulting analysis will determine the changes in the City's employment training needs and the continuing ability of new, large-scale development to assist in meeting the employment training needs of the City.

- (d) The Commissioner of Inspectional Services shall not issue any building or use permit with respect to any building, structure, or land within an area covered by a Development Impact Project Plan, unless the Director of the Authority has certified on the application therefor, and on each plan, drawing or specification filed with the Commissioner in connection therewith, that the plans have been subject to design review, and that the plans are consistent with the Authority-approved Development Impact Project Plan and that the applicant has entered into an agreement with the Authority, as provided in Sections 26B-2(3) and 26B-3(1).
2. The following are not Development Impact Projects and will not be subject to the Development Impact Project requirements:
- (a) Any structure or structures for which a building or use permit is lawfully issued before notice of hearing before the Zoning Commission has first been given respecting adoption of Article 26B, provided that construction work under such a permit is commenced within six (6) months after its issue, and the work proceeds in good faith continuously to completion so far as is reasonably practicable under the circumstances;
  - (b) Any building or structure for which construction or permanent financing has been secured before notice of hearing before the Zoning Commission has first been given respecting Article 26A, as evidenced by an irrevocable written commitment of a lending institution or a recorded mortgage indenture, and by the borrower's bona fide payment of a loan commitment fee; or

(c) Any building or structure which is, or will be, wholly-owned by one or more public agencies.

3. Development Impact Project Plans approved pursuant to Article 26 prior to the effective date of Article 26B shall not be subject to the requirements of Article 26B.

SECTION 26B-4. Severability. The provisions of this Article are severable, and if any such provision or provisions shall be ruled invalid by any decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not impair or otherwise affect any other provision of this Article.

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In Zoning Commission

Adopted: February 26, 1986

Attest:

Marjorie Kilduff  
Secretary

Raymond L. Flynn  
Mayor, City of Boston

Date: February 27, 1986

The foregoing amendment was presented to the Mayor on February 27, 1986, and was signed by him on February 27, 1986, whereupon it became effective on February 27, 1986, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956.

Attest:

Marjorie Kilduff  
Secretary





